

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 19-20 are currently pending. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1-6 are canceled herewith. Claims 7, 19 and 20 have been amended herein.

Claims 1-7, 19 and 20 are objected to on the grounds that the claims are drawn to an improper Markush group. Applicants believe the objection is obviated by the claim amendments.

Claims 1-6, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102b as being anticipated by Reference N (WO/02062764). This rejection is believed to be obviated by the claim amendments herewith.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants assert the pending claims are enabled and in condition for allowance. If a telephonic communication will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone Applicants' representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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